

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8547  
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INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 1656

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, ETRD, HU  
SUBJECT: OPENING OF BUDAPEST SPRING FAIR

1. ON MAY 16 EMBASSY RECEIVED NEARLY SIMULTANEOUSLY, IDENTICAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM FONOFF AND HUNGEXPO PROTOCOL DEPARTMENTS SAYING THAT OFFICIAL PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION WOULD VISIT AMERICAN PAVILION OF BUDAPEST INTERNATIONAL SPRING FAIR AT 12:14 P.M. OPENING DAY, MAY 18. INFORMED THAT THERE WAS NO FORMAL AMERICAN PAVILION, PROTOCOL THEN SAID THAT EXHIBIT OF HOKE INTERNATIONAL WOULD BE THE SCENE OF DELEGATION'S VISIT.

2. ON OPENING DAY, DELEGATION COMPRISED OF KAROLY NEMETH, MEMBER HSWP POLITBURO; SANDOR BORBELY, SECRETARY OF HSWP CENTRAL COMMITTEE; FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER JOZSEF BIRO; AND DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER BELA SZALI VISITED HOKE EXHIBIT AT 1230 MAY 18. NEMETH QUICKLY APPROACHED  
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CHARGE AND SAID GOH INTENDEJXSYNOUT VIGOROUS EFFORT INTO EXPANDING TRADE RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES AND HOPED USG HAD SAME INTEREST. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT GOH WAS PLEASED WITH IMPROVING STATUS OF US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS AND THAT ENORMOUS EFFORT BEING MADE BY SMALL COUNTRY TO FURTHER EXPAND TRADE RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES. THIS LATTER STATEMENT WAS IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO CHARGE'S COMMENT

THAT U.S. SCHEDULED LATE SEPTEMBER. NEMETH SEEMED WELL BRIEFED ON ALL ASPECTS OF AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS AND REACTED PROMPTLY TO MENTION OF HUNGARIAN TECHNICAL DAYS IN U.S.

3. COMMENT: NEMETH IS HIGHEST-RANKING ECONOMIC SPOKESMAN FOR HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN HIS ROLE AS POLITBURO MEMBER OF HSWP IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE ALERT SIGNALS PROVIDED BY PROTOCOL THAT DELEGATION'S VISIT TO MINI-TWELVE-SQUARE-METER BOOTH OF AN UNKNOWN COMPANY WAS CONTRIVED. WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THIS REPRESENTS A STATEMENT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOH SINCERITY IN EXPANDING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH U.S. FINALLY, IN CONVERSATION AT FONOFF MAY 19 WITH AMBASSADOR BARTHA ON OTHER SUBJECT, HE CONFIRMED THAT EMBASSY'S READING OF MEMETH'S MESSAGE AND PURPOSE WAS CORRECT.  
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